

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF E.SPIRE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND ITS OPERATION)
SUBSIDIARIES, FOR ARBITRATION OF AN)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH BELL SOUTH) CASE NO. 2000-034
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., PURSUANT TO)
SECTION 252(b) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT)

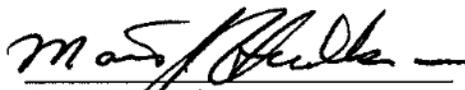
O R D E R

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and e.spire Communications, Inc. (“e.spire”) have filed a letter, which the Commission will treat as a motion, requesting a 10-day extension of time applicable to all procedural deadlines. The parties believe that the extension will enable them to finalize their agreement. If so, e.spire will petition to dismiss this arbitration. The Commission, having sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that this motion is granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director